nursing staff, particularly those on night duty to carefully verify the cross matching report and cross check from the blood bank before initiating blood transfusion.

(iii) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for requisition of blood units by the clinicians should be prepared and followed scrupulously.

Non-functioning of equipment in Burns Deptt. of Safdarjung Hospital

508. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of machines and equipment fitted in the ICU of Safdarjung Hospital's Burns Department are not functioning properly with the result the patients have been suffering; and

(b) if so, since when these equipments have been lying idle and by when these will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) All the machines are working in ICU of Burn Department of Safdarjung Hospital except on parameter, *i.e.* blood pressure of the two monitors which are managed manually by blood pressure instruments. The repair of the above parameter is under process.

Procurement of banned medicine of cough

†509. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officers of his Ministry have procured spurious and banned medicine of cough despite objections made by Members of Parliament, C.G.H.S. beneficiaries and officers of Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, the amount with the number of bottles of medicine procured and the names of the officers who have overlooked the objections of all persons including that of members of Parliament; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.